

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, we, as citizens of this great nation, enjoy freedoms granted by God and enshrined by our Founding Fathers in such documents as the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, the "father of the Constitution," helped create the strong form of government that we know today; and

WHEREAS, through James Madison's inspiration, generations past and still unborn have the opportunity to enjoy the blessings of liberty; and

WHEREAS, James Madison served our country honorably in the U. S. House of Representatives, as Secretary of State, and as President; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we set aside a day to remind us of our freedoms and to honor our Founding Fathers, especially on the  $256^{th}$  anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2007 to be

## LIBERTY DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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